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1. SUMMARY: A DOZEN RESOLUTIONS WERE AGREED UPON AT THE TWO DAY MEETING. AMONG THE MOST IMPORTANT WERE THOSE DEALING WITH THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT AND HIS HOUSING. THE FOUNDATION WILL BE ABLE TO BEGIN OPERATION IF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ACCEPTS THE CONTRACT BY THE AGREED MID-MARCH DEADLINE AND HE IS ABLE TO FIND SUITABLE HOUSING/OFFICE SPACE IN ONE BUILDING. END SUMMARY

2. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT: THE BOARD ADOPTED A CONTRACT PROVIDING A SALARY OF $47,500 PER YEAR AND AN ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF $173,071 FOR THE TWO YEAR PERIOD BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 1, 1977, WITH THE FIRST YEAR PROBATIONARY. OF THIS TOTAL AN ESTIMATED $9,000 PER YEAR IS TAX REIMBURSEMENT. THE CONTRACT HAS BEEN GIVEN TO MR BLACKMAN, WHO WILL RESPOND BY MID-MARCH.
3. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR HOUSING: THE GOVERNORS ADOPTED A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO RENT, AT A REASONABLE PRICE, A BUILDING SUITABLE FOR BOTH HIS
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OWN HOUSING AND THE BUSINESS OFFICES OF THE FOUNDATION. IF THIS CANNOT BE DONE IN A REASONABLE TIME, HE MAY BUY SUCH A BUILDING AGAIN FOR A REASONABLE PRICE. IN ANY CASE, BEFORE RENTAL OR PURCHASE, HE MUST HAVE THE CONCURRENCE OF EMBASSY TEL AVIV AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE ISRAELI GOVERNORS.

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4. PROF ARYEH LAVIE WAS ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD TO COMPLETE THE UNEXPIRED ONE YEAR TERM OF PROF YAACOV, WHICH BEGAN JULY 25, 1977.

5. A RESOLUTION WAS APPROVED PROVIDING A NUMBERING SYSTEM FOR RESOLUTIONS.

6. WITH MINOR MODIFICATIONS, THE BOARD APPROVED MR BLACKMAN'S ANNOTATED GUIDELINES.

7. THE GOVERNORS ACCEPTED A RESOLUTION THAT BIRDF SHOULD NEGOTIATE A 7 1/2 PERCENT (SEVEN AND A HALF) RETURN ON CONDITIONAL GRANTS.

8. A PROCEDURE WAS ADOPTED PROVIDING FOR DECISIONS BY THE BOARD BETWEEN REGULAR MEETINGS.

9. A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED PROVIDING FOR PROTECTION OF THE GOVERNORS AND STAFF OF BIRDF FROM LIABILITY ATTRIBUTABLE TO AUTHORIZED PERFORMANCE OF OFFICIAL DUTY.

10. THE BOARD RESOLVED TO PAY $20,716 OWED TO THE LAW FIRM OF MORGAN, LEWIS AND BOCKICES PLUS AN ADDITIONAL $2,000 TO COVER TRANSITION OF PENDING MATTERS TO AN ISRAELI LAW FIRM.

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11. A RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED REQUIRING APPROVAL BY THE GOVERNORS BEFORE ANY BIRDF PAYMENT FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL OF THE ADVISORY COUNCIL.

12. THE BOARD RESOLVED THAT MR BLACKMAN AND ONE OTHER BIRDF EMPLOYEE DESIGNATED BY HIM SHALL HAVE SOLE AUTHORITY TO OPERATE BIRDF ACCOUNTS IN THE BANK OF ISRAEL, AFTER MR BLACKMAN BECOMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR.

13. THE BOARD APPROVED A BUDGET AS FOLLOWS, WITH ALL BIRDF ISRAELI POUND HOLDINGS CALCULATED AS DOLLARS AT THE CURRENT RATE OF EXCHANGE:
TOTAL EXPENDITURES TO MARCH 1, 1978 $82,971
TOTAL INCOME TO SEPTEMBER 30, 1978 $3,417,687
ADMINISTRATIVE BUDGET MARCH 1 TO SEPT 30, 1978 $160,301
CAPITAL BUDGET MARCH 1 TO SEPT 30, 1978 $20,000
FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR GRANTS TO SEPT 30, 1978 $3,154,415
14. THE BOARD APPROVED THE EMPLOYMENT OF THREE BIRDF STAFF MEMBERS.

15. THE BOARD CONSIDERED A PROPOSAL BY DR HERBERT HOLLOMON OF MIT TO DO A STUDY OF BIRDF JOINTLY WITH

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TEL AVIV UNIVERSITY. IT WAS AGREED TO SEEK OTHER FUNDING
FOR THE PART OF THE STUDY DEALING WITH THE TRANSFERABILITY
OF THE BIRDF CONCEPT AND TO RECONSIDER THE REMAINDER OF
THE PROPOSAL AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD.

16. THE GOVERNORS AGREED THAT EACH OF THEM WOULD DESIGNATE
IN WRITING AN ALTERNATE EMPOWERED TO ACT ON HIS OR HER
BEHALF IN BIRDF MATTERS WHENEVER HE OR SHE IS NOT AVAILABLE.

17. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD WOULD
BE HELD DURING THE LAST WEEK OF SEPT 1978 IN WASHINGTON.

18. THE ONLY AUTHENTIC VERSIONS OF THE RESOLUTIONS DESCRIBED
ABOVE ARE THE WRITTEN TEXTS BEARING THE SIGNATURES OF AT
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LEAST FOUR GOVERNORS. LEWIS

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